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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 November 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/20/04; 3/19/02.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on March 19, 2002 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.
2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 20, 2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tanaka (US 6,798,893).

As to claim 1, Tanaka discloses a data insertion device comprising:
an input device which inputs image data including a types of pictures (Fig.1, element 106); a determining device which determines the type of the picture for each picture (Fig.1); and an inserting device which inserts pattern data into each picture with an insertion intensity according to the type determined about the corresponding picture

(Fig.1. and column 2, lines 20-29 wherein a watermark level corresponds to the insertion intensity in this claim)

As to claim 2, Takana discloses the data insertion device of claim 1 (see claim 1 above) wherein the inserting device modifies the pattern data to have the insertion intensity and inserts the modified pattern data into the picture (column 2, lines 36-44).

As to claim 3, Tanaka discloses the data insertion device of claim 2 (see claim 2 above), wherein the modification is done by multiplying the pattern data by a multiplier rate, which adjusted according to the determined type (column 3, lines 34-43).

As to claim 4, Tanaka discloses the data insertion device of claim 1 (see claim 1 above) wherein a group of pattern data are prepared each of which are generated so as to have the insertion intensity according to one of the types of the pictures, and the inserting device selects one of the group of pattern data and inserts them into the corresponding picture (Fig.1, 304).

As to claim 5, Tanaka discloses the data insertion device of claim wherein the Pattern data includes information related to digital watermarking (Fig.1).

As to claim 6, Tanaka discloses the data insertion device of claim 1 (see claim 1 above) wherein the image data are MPEG2 data, and the types of picture includes I picture, P picture, and B picture (column 4, lines 24-33).

Claims 7-12 are similarly analyzed and rejected as claims 1-6 respectively.

Claims 13-15 are similar to claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are similarly analyzed and rejected as claim 1 above.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry Choobin whose telephone number is 703-306-5787. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 AM to 18:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 703-308-5246. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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